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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

At its meeting on August 28, 2003, the Board of Regents took the following action:

**Conditional approval is granted for the proposed Associate of Science in Nursing program (CIP 51.1601) at Louisiana Delta Community College, subject to the following stipulations:**

- 1. The College shall update the Commissioner of Higher Education on a periodic basis regarding its progress toward attaining SACS/CoC candidacy; and**
- 2. The College shall update the Commissioner of Higher Education on a periodic basis regarding its progress toward program approval by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN).**

**Once SACS/CoC candidacy has been achieved and the LSBN has granted program approval, then the Board of Regents shall consider a date for program implementation. Thereafter, the College shall submit annual reports to the Commissioner of Higher Education regarding its progress toward NLNAC program accreditation.**

The staff received Delta's 2003 Progress Report on January 29, 2004.

**STAFF SUMMARY**

**1. Progress Toward SACS/COC candidacy**

Delta submitted its application for SACS/COC candidacy in November, 2003. Since then, SACS has confirmed that it is reviewing the document. An on-site visit is expected in late Spring 2004. Assuming a typical schedule, Delta should know the status of its candidacy by June 2004. Full SACS/COC approval would then be possible for the SACS meeting in December 2004. The College notes that it "has met each of the milestones set on the timeline for accreditation."

**2. Progress toward LSBN approval**

Delta's full proposal to offer the A.S. in Nursing was sent to the LSBN in October 2003, a year in advance of the anticipated date for admitting students to the program. In December 2003, the LSBN unanimously recommended that the program continue on its path toward full approval. A site visit from the LSBN is now anticipated for late Spring 2004 or early Fall 2004.

**STAFF ANALYSIS**

Delta has made clear and substantial progress toward LSBN approval.

The staff would like to commend the College's administration, Director of Nursing, and all who are involved in the development of this program.

An additional progress report should be submitted by January 15, 2005. By then, the College will know both the status of its SACS/COC candidacy and its approval status with the LSBN. Annual implementation reports should then follow until program accreditation by the NLNAC is secured.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

***The staff recommends that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee receive the 2003-04 Progress Report from Louisiana Delta Community College Relative to the A.S. in Nursing. The next progress report shall be due January 15, 2005.***